

## **Minutes of the Finance Committee**

**Wednesday, October 9, 2002**

Chair Haukohl called the meeting to order at 8:46 a.m.

**Present:** Supervisors Pat Haukohl (Chair), Jim Behrend, Genia Bruce, Joe Griffin, and Joe Marchese. Don Broesch arrived at 8:50 a.m.      **Absent:** Mike Sonnentag

**Also Present :** Legislative Policy Advisor Mark Mader, Citizen Hugh Koehler, Budget Specialist Linda Witkowski, Senior Financial Analyst Andy Thelke, Public Works Committee Chair Dick Manke, Public Works Director Rich Bolte, Business Manager Betsy Crosswaite, Fleet Manager Bob Rauchle, Building Projects Manager Dennis Cerreta, Engineering Services Manager Gary Evans, Building Operations Manager Neil Ribarchek, Highway Operations Manager Steve Geiss, Budget Manager Keith Swartz, Chief of Staff Jeff Landin, Senior Financial Analyst Clara Daniels, Executive Committee Chair Jim Dwyer, UW Extension Director Marcia Jante, Senior Financial Analyst Andy Thelke, Land Use Committee Chair Walter Kolb, Parks & Land Use Director Dale Shaver, and Business Manager Peter Mudek.

### **Public Comments**

Citizen Hugh Koehler of the Town of Brookfield requested the County keep the 2003 property tax level at the 2002 level. He also asked that the jail expansion project be stopped which the County can't afford. He noted that inflation is almost nonexistent. Many retired citizens have lost much of their investment portfolios and are living on fixed incomes.

Don Broesch arrived at 8:50 a.m.

### **Discuss and Consider the 2003 Operating Budget for the Department of Public Works (Includes the Vehicle Replacement Fund)**

Bolte and staff, and Mankereviewed the budget as outlined. Overall, total expenditures in the Public Works Department increased \$662,120 or 2.6% (\$25,671,386 was budgeted in 2002 and \$26,333,506 is being budgeted for 2003). Total revenues increased 1.8% or \$327,961 (\$17,919,388 was budgeted in 2002 and \$18,247,349 is being budgeted for 2003). The tax levy increased 3.9% or \$303,510 (\$7,796,789 was budgeted in 2002 and \$8,100,299 is being budgeted for 2003). The position summary showed an overall decrease of 3.18 FTE positions including the Transit Coordinator. There were 173.10 positions budgeted for 2002 and 169.92 positions are being budgeted for 2003. Bolte said they are seriously considering, sometime next year, giving the mass transit contract to Milwaukee County, via an intergovernmental agreement. Bolte discussed this in detail and head advised that it would need County Board approval. The Finance Committee discussed the need to monitor the issue of mass transit more closely, possibly through the establishment of a county mass transit commission made up of representatives of public works, finance, senior services, etc.

**MOTION:** Behrend moved, second by Bruce to approve the 2003 operating budget for the Department of Public Works. Motion carried 6 -0.

**Discuss and Consider the 2003 Operating Budget for UW -Extension**

Jante, Daniels, and Dwyer discussed the UW -Extension budget as outlined. Total expenditures decreased \$238,527 or 35.9% (\$664,494 was budgeted for 2002 and \$425,967 is being budgeted for 2003). The revenues decreased \$175,878 or 93% (\$189,180 was budgeted in 2002 and \$13,302 is being budgeted for 2003). The CDBG grants were not incorporated into the budget as they had not been voted upon by the county board as of publication of the budget. Swartz provided revised expenditure and revenue numbers which will be added to the final 2003 budget document. The tax levy decreased \$62,649 or 13.2% (\$475,314 was budgeted in 2002 and \$412,665 is being budgeted for 2003). The position summary showed an overall decrease of 1.25 FTE county positions for a total of 4.61 for 2003. Total non-county positions funded by state and grant dollars increased 3.03 FTE for a total of 21.43.

**MOTION:** Marches moved, second by Broesch to approve the 2003 operating budget for UW -Extension. Motion carried 6 -0.

The committee recessed at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

**Discuss and Consider the 2003 Operating Budget for the Department of Parks & Land Use**

Shaver, Mudek, and Kolb were present to discuss the 2002 Department of Parks & Land Use budget as outlined. Total all funds, expenditures increased \$415,060 or 2.4% (\$17,617,515 was budgeted in 2002 and \$18,032,575 is being budgeted for 2003). Revenues increased \$384,762 or 3.1% (\$12,279,365 was budgeted in 2002 and \$12,664,127 is being budgeted for 2003). The tax levy increased \$225,525 or 3.7% (\$6,132,042 was budgeted in 2002 and \$6,357,567 is being budgeted for 2003). The position summary showed an increase of 1.98 FTE positions for a total of 200.11 budgeted for 2003.

Broesch left the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

**MOTION:** Marches moved, second by Griffin to approve the 2003 operating budget for the Department of Parks & Land Use. Motion carried 5 -0.

**MOTION:** Bruce moved, second by Griffin to adjourn at 4:03 p.m. Motion carried 5 -0.

Recorded by Mary Pedersen, Legislative Associate.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph F. Griffin  
Secretary